GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Smt K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District (Retired) - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges issued – Explanation submitted – Enquiry Officer appointed – Enquiry Report submitted – Conclusion of disciplinary proceedings under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 r/w Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.552 Dated:06.09.2021

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam, Rc.A1/2136/2015, Dated:20.07.2019.
2. Proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam, Rc.A1/2136/2015, Dated:31.07.2019.
3. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Lr.Rc.A1/2136/2015, DT:10.11.2020 along with the enquiry report dt:02.08.2020 of Special Collector, (LA), PSVP & Inquiry Officer, Ongole.
4. From the CCLA, Lr.Ref.No.Vigilance/VS.II(2)/646/2020, Dt:07.06.2021.
5. Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/10/2021-Vig.III(2), Revenue (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:12.07.2021.
6. Explanation of Smt.M.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racherla, present retired as Divisional Administrative Officer, O/o RDO, Markapur.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the following article of charges has been framed against Smt.K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District and the Charged officer has submitted her explanation denying the charges.

Charge-1:

That Smt. M.Ratnakumari, Divisional Administrative Officer, O/o Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur while working as Tahsildar, Racherla has ported the names of certain local people in Web land (Adangal and I-B Khatas) from February 2015 to April 2015 facilitating the parties to grab Forest land in Sy.No.1632, Ac.931.92 cents which is classified as Reserve Forest which was sub divided earlier in Sy.No.1647 to 1738 during 2004 by the then Tahsildar.

Charge-2:

That Smt. M.Ratnakumari, Divisional Administrative Officer, O/o Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur while working as Tahsildar, Racherla without conduct of local enquiry and verification of Office Revenue Records has digitally signed against the ported data in favour of certain local people on 10.4.2015 and there by facilitating parties to grab forest land in Sy.No. 1632 Ac.931.92 cents which is classified as Reserve Forest.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Special Collector(LA), PSVP, Ongole was appointed as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the above charges. The Enquiry Officer has submitted his report dt:02.08.2020 stating that the manual entries were made in the manual revenue records for the lands in Sy.No.1632 an extent Ac.931.32 cents of Akaveedu much earlier to date of joining of the delinquent officer as Tahsildar, Racharla. The delinquent Officer had made entries in web land in routine manner as a part of special drive on par with other land records as per manual entries made in the 1B Register. Soon after knowing that the land was assigned irregularly and entered in 1B account irregularly, she has deleted the entries from the Web land. Further, the enquiry officer has stated that the manual entries were made in IB Register during the year 2004. The delinquent officer joined in July 2014 as

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Tahsildar, Racherla. As the part of special drive of porting of web land, the delinquent officer has made entries based on manual 1-B Register without conducting the field enquiry and without verification of other revenue records she had made entries in Webland and revoked soon after knowing that the forest land was irregularly assigned and pattadar pass books issued irregularly. There is no evidence to show that loss occurred to Government, on account of the web land entries made by the delinquent officer. Hence, the charges against the charged officer Smt.K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District are held not proved.

3. And whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the District Collector, Prakasam, has informed that the delinquent officer has retired from service on 31.07.2019 and requested to take necessary action under rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government have accepted the findings of the enquiry officer and a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to Smt K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District (Retired) under Rule 21(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 r/w Rule 9 of the APRP Rules, 1980 with a direction to submit her representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, vide the reference 5th read above. Accordingly, the Charged Officer has submitted that she is not guilty of the charge levelled against her. The Enquiry Officer after examining her explanation and also the evidences produced before him during the enquiry, have submitted his report stating that there is no fault from her side and she has not committed any irregularities. Hence she has requested that the charge may kindly be dropped and to issue orders early.

5. Government, after careful examination of the findings of the enquiry officer and further explanation of the Charged Officer, have accepted the same. Accordingly, further action is hereby dropped against Smt.K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District (Retired) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 r/w Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada/the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
Smt K.Ratnakumari, former Tahsildar, Racharla, Prakasam District (now retired) (through the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole)

Copy to:
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER